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Act No. 157 (H.663). Health; contraceptives; health insurance; schools

An act relating to expanding access to contraceptives

This act states as its purpose improving compliance with existing contraceptive laws and further expanding access to contraceptives. The act requires each school district to make condoms available for free to all students in its secondary schools and specifies that a school employee who is otherwise required by law to report suspected child abuse or neglect will not be deemed to have violated that requirement solely on the basis of making condoms available to a secondary school student. It directs the Department of Health, in partnership with health care providers and health insurers, to communicate to adolescents and others of reproductive age information about contraceptive access and coverage and specifies that existing health insurance coverage requirements for contraceptives also apply to self-administered hormonal contraceptives prescribed by a pharmacist. The act also specifies that the existing statutory definition of “comprehensive health education” applies throughout the education statutes and requires the Agency of Education and Department of Health to report to legislative committees by April 15, 2021 regarding their continued efforts to support schools and school districts in providing comprehensive health education to Vermont students.

Multiple effective dates, beginning on November 1, 2020